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SUBJECT: CRAXI VISIT TO WASHINGTON

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1. WE AGREE THAT IF CRAXI EMERGES FROM THE SOCIALIST PARTY CONFERENCE THIS WEEK IN A STRENGTHENED POSITION, A VISIT TO WASHINGTON DURING APRIL WOULD BE IN OUR INTEREST AND WOULD FURTHER STRENGTHEN HIS POSITION.
2. WE ARE PREPARED TO ASK THF VICE PRESIDENT AND DR. BRZEZINSKI TO RECEIVE CRAXI. AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, HOWEVER, WE CAN APPROACH THEM WITH REGARD TO POSSIBLE APPOINTMENTS ONLY AFTER DETERMINING A MORE PRECISE TIME FRAME FOR A
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CRAXI VISIT HERE. THIS SAME CONSIDERATION APPLIES WITH REGARD TO THE CALENDAR OF THE SECRETARY AND OTHER SENIOR DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS. THEREFORE NO ASSURANCES CAN BE GIVEN TO CRAXI NOW.

3. DEPENDING UPON THE OUTCOME OF THE SOCIALIST CONFERENCE, WE WILL AWAIT FURTHER ADVICE FROM YOU BEFORE ADDRESSING MEMORANDA TO THESE OFFICES CONCERNING APPOINTMENTS FOR

CRAZI WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT, DR. BRZEZINSKI AND SENIOR
DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS. WE WOULD SUGGEST THE LAST WEEK

OR TEN DAYS IN APRIL, TO GIVE US AMPLE TIME TO WORK OUT
THE DETAILS IF A CRAZI VISIT CONTINUES TO LOOK GOOD TO
YOU AND IF HE IS RECEPTIVE TO YOUR APPROACH. COOPER

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